

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an image forming apparatus, resolution in a main scanning direction and in a sub-scanning direction is increased utilizing features of a  
5 multibeam system. The same scanning line is subjected to duplicate scanning by two light beams from two lasers. At that time, dot strings having a dot interval of  $d$  formed by the respective light beams are shifted by  $d/2$  in the main scanning direction.

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